Per barrel exploration and operational cost

321. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per barrel exploration and operational cost incurred by ONGC and Oil India Ltd. in various oil fields in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any comparative study on the oil exploration cost in India with those of other oil producing countries of the world; and

(c) if so, what are the results of the comparative study and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The weighted average cost of exploration per barrel of recoverable reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas during Sixth Plan of ONGC was Rs. 5.30 and that of Oil India Ltd. Rs. 6.06.

The cost of crude oil production per barrel in the terminal year of Sixth Plan for ONGC and OIL was as under:—

(Rs./per barrel)

	Cost excluding statutory charges
ONGC	65.08
OIL	45.79

(b) and (c) Cost comparisons with other countries are difficult because—

(i) Finding cost of other countries are not available.

(ii) Exploration conditions vary from country to country because of difference in hydrocarbon accumulation.

(iii) There are wide cost variations from basin to basin within our own country.

Expansion and modernisation of oil refineries

322. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to expand and modernise some of the oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so what are the names of those refineries giving details of proposed expansion and modernisation; and

(c) whether the present refineries have the capacity to process the country's entire crude oil production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The capacities of the Gujarat and Mathura refineries are being expanded to 9.5 MTPA and 7.5 MTPA respectively. A proposal has also been received for modernisation of the Digboi refinery.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Pending applications for cooking gas in Allahabad

323. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending as on the 31st March, 1987